



## AMERICA and the War on Terrorism

### Operation Noble Eagle

AT press time more than 32,900 Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers were assisting the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S. Customs Service at the Canadian and Mexican borders, and participating in other missions.

On May 31, most National Guard troops ended their airport-security mission.

On June 11, Department of Defense officials announced a competition to choose a design for a memorial to honor those killed in the Sept. 11 Pentagon terror attack.

The outer walls of the Pentagon were repaired by the nine-month anniversary of the attack. A time capsule was placed behind a panel of the facade that was salvaged from the attack. Repairs to the inside of the building are continuing.

### Operation Enduring Freedom

On May 23, four soldiers who represented the Army in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games visited troops at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan.

On May 31, Combined Joint Task Force-180, commanded by LTG Dan K. McNeill, assumed control of operations in Afghanistan. The task force commands U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan, and supporting troops in Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Its headquarters is at Bagram Air Base, near the Afghan capital of Kabul.

On May 31, American and allied Afghan military forces conducting a raid near the village of Khomar Kalay mistakenly fired on other friendly Afghan troops, killing two and wounding three.

On June 6, President George W. Bush said he will ask Congress to create the Department of Homeland Security, a new cabinet-level agency whose sole mission would be to protect the American homeland.

On June 13, a soldier and two airmen were killed and seven service members were injured when their MC-130 special operations aircraft crashed near Gardez, Afghanistan.

Operation Mountain Lion continued through June in the mountains of southeastern Afghanistan. U.S. troops and coalition forces searched caves and tunnels once used by al Qaeda and Taliban forces. — *Compiled from Army News Service, Armed Forces Press Service and DOD Public Affairs releases*

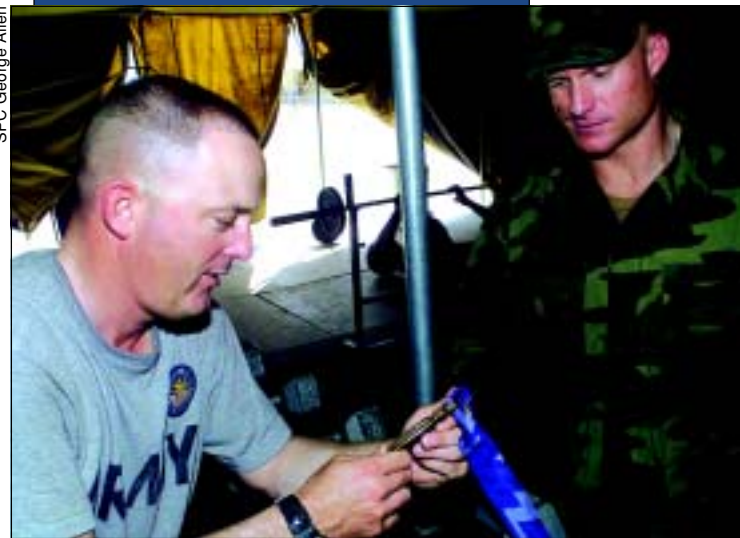
SPC George Allen



**COL Frank Wiercinski, commander of the 101st Abn. Div.'s TF Rakkasans, welcomes visiting members of the Army World Class Athlete Program who competed in the 2002 Winter Olympics.**

**1SG Ken Duppstadt from Company A, 92nd Engineers, holds the Bronze Medal for bobsledding won by SPC Douglas Sharp (right) during the Winter Olympics.**

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SGT Keith D. McGrew

**Afghan villagers from Sulamain Khel receive humanitarian aid after the completion of Operation Snow Apache II.**



Jim Garamone

**Philippine Under Secretary of National Defense Feliciano Gacis welcomes U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz to Manila. Wolfowitz met with the island's leaders and with American service members.**

**COL Cassel J. Nutter, commander of the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force, is greeted by a teacher during the reopening ceremony at the Sultan Rasia High School for Girls in Kabul, Afghanistan.**



SGT Kevin P. Bell



SGT Tom Bradbury



The Stryker interim armored vehicle exits a C-130H at Fort Irwin's Bicycle Lake Army Airfield during a rehearsal for the upcoming Exercise Millennium Challenge.

**Fort Irwin, Calif.**

## Air Force Transports Stryker IAV

IN a joint exercise conducted in June to prepare for the upcoming Army Transformation Experiment, part of Exercise Millennium Challenge at the National Training Center in California, Army and Air Force personnel successfully transported a Stryker infantry carrier vehicle on a C-130H aircraft. The Stryker was loaded at the Barstow-Daggett Airport in Daggett, Calif., then flown to Bicycle Lake Army Airfield at the NTC.

The new Stryker, available in 10 configurations, is a 19-ton, wheeled armored vehicle that can travel at speeds up to 60 miles per hour. In its ICV configuration, the vehicle carries a nine-man infantry squad and two-man crew, and has a remote weapon station with .50-caliber machine gun or 40mm grenade launcher. A key performance parameter

outlined for the new family of Strykers is that they be transportable by C-130, which means the new system can be flown into smaller airfields, said Airman Brent Griffith of the 50th Airlift Squadron in Little Rock, Ark.

This capability is important because it will enable the Army to deploy brigade-sized elements into a combat zone more rapidly than heavy forces are presently deployed, yet with more force than light forces, said Robert Hobbs, program executive officer and ground combat systems liaison officer at Fort Benning, Ga.

The C-130H can safely fly with loads up to 38,000 pounds for up to 1,000 nautical miles. The Stryker, which fit tightly into the aircraft compartment, pushed the C-130H to these limits at 36,240 pounds, Griffith said. The C-130H is not yet an approved standard method for movement of the Stryker, but these tests were a first step in getting full air certification for this method of

movement, he said. — *Army News Service*

**Washington, D.C.**

## Rumsfeld Names WHINSEC Reps

SECRETARY of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has designated six representatives from the academic, business and human-rights communities as members of the first board of visitors to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, a DOD international professional education center at Fort Benning, Ga.

WHINSEC is accredited by the Department of the Army to conduct Spanish-language classes in humanitarian and peacekeeping operations, focusing specifically on the needs and conditions of Latin American countries.

The board designees join members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees and other DOD and State Department representatives. Their task, as required by the Floyd Spence National Defense Authorization Act of 2001, is to oversee curriculum, fiscal affairs and teaching methods of WHINSEC, and to report their observations and recommendations to the secretary. — *DefenseLink News*

**Alexandria, Va.**

## AFRC Resorts Open During Construction

THE Department of Defense started construction in May to expand and improve two of its most popular Armed Forces Recreation Centers, one in Germany and one in Florida.

## Career News

### Become a Recruiter

THE rewards for recruiters are many. Under the New Assignment Incentive Program, volunteers have a greater choice of duty locations by selecting three companies within the U.S. Army Recruiting Command as their preferred assignments. Additionally, top performers can earn the recruiter badge, which has positive impact on future promotions, and sergeants and staff sergeants in promotable status who earn the recruiter ring during their 36-month tours are eligible for meritorious promotions. Recruiters also receive \$375 per month in special-duty pay upon assignment to a recruiting battalion, while receiving up to \$75 per month for expenses.

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For more information visit:  
[www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter](http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/recruiter)



The new 330-room hotel and conference center in Garmisch, Germany, which opens in fall 2004, replaces the World War II-era hotels in Garmisch and Chiemsee. The hotel will include a ballroom, two restaurants, a bistro and a swimming pool.

In Orlando, Fla., officials broke ground on a \$94 million project that will double the number of guestrooms and add new amenities to Shades of Green at Walt Disney World Resort. The construction will bring the number of guestrooms to 587 and add a multi-level, covered parking garage, a ballroom, banquet capability and two new restaurants.

No taxpayer or soldier dollars are being used for either construction, officials said, and guests are still welcome at both recreation centers while the expansion projects are under way.

Work at the new hotel in Germany does not affect the operation of the existing Patton and Von Steuben hotels in Garmisch, or the Lake and Park hotels in Chiemsee. For information and reservations, visit AFRC Europe online at [www.afrceurope.com](http://www.afrceurope.com).

While Shades of Green is closed during the construction, guests holding reservations since April 31 are being accommodated at a Disney hotel on the grounds or in other local hotels if there is 100 percent occupancy at the Disney resort. Shades of Green staff will also continue to operate a ticket office where DOD ID cardholders can purchase discounted tickets to Disney and other local attractions. For more information, visit [www.armymwr.com/Travel/Armed Forces Rec Centers](http://www.armymwr.com/Travel/Armed Forces Rec Centers). — *U.S. Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs Office*



**The construction of new AFRC resorts in Garmisch, Germany, (above) and Orlando, Fla., will mean better service for military vacationers visiting these popular sites.**

#### **Fort Hood, Texas**

### **MPs Return From Cuba**

FORTY-three soldiers of the 89th Military Police Brigade and other Fort Hood units returned to their home post in May after spending two months at the U.S. facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they had supported Joint Task Force 160.

The soldiers' mission was

to support day-to-day operations of Camp Delta and Camp X-ray, said brigade assistant operations officer CPT Omar Lomas.

The base at Guantanamo Bay is the temporary holding facility for al-Qaeda, Taliban and other detainees who have come under U.S. control during the war on terrorism. JTF-160 provides security for the al-Qaeda detainees under U.S. control.

The Fort Hood soldiers

were relieved in Cuba by the 43rd MP Bde., a mobilized National Guard unit from Warwick, R.I. — *89th MP Bde. PAO*



**Timmothy A. Boone (above) holds a sign welcoming home his father, SPC Phillip A. Boone, a member of the 401st MP Co.**

**SGT Neng Lo (left) embraces his children, Brandon and Lexi, following the ceremony for soldiers returning from Cuba.**

PFC Jason Phillips (both)